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Title: Alleged deprivations of youths from Assam and North East for employment in Indian Railways .

SHRI KIRIP CHALIHA (GUWAHATI): Sir, unemployment problem is one of the major problems for the people of my State Assam and the North East because young youths do not get jobs. They even take resort to arms. We have all kinds of problems there. As such, the Railways are one of the biggest avenues in which employment can be given.

Sir, there are reports that almost 8,000 Group III and Group IV posts are still laying vacant in the NF Railways. Unfortunately, there have been allegations and it has been coming out in the newspapers during the recent days that flouting all rules and regulations, certain jobs are being given through backdoor. This has vastly agitated the minds of the youths. In fact, some of the youth organizations have even condemned us saying that they are condemning us for our silence. They are demanding actions from us. They are saying that they will lead an agitation for our non-performance.

Sir, under these circumstances, as the hon. Minister of Railways is also here, I would like to demand that an inquiry be made to find out the truth and if there is any wrong, strong steps should be taken against guilty people and jobs for the locals should be ensured in the NF Railways in Assam.